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, Krai avSptavroc* It is, therefore, better for us to follow Plato (than Heraclitus), and loudly to declare, that the world was made by God. For as the world is the best of all works, so is. God the best of all causes. Nevertheless, the substance or matter, out of which the world was made, was not itself made; but always ready at baud, and subject to the artificer, to be ordered and disposed by him. For the making of the world was not the production of it out of nothing, but out of an antecedent bad and disorderly state, like the making of a house, garment, or statue.

It is also well known, that Hermogenes, and other ancient pretenders to Christianity, did in like manner assert the self-existence and impro-duction of the matter, for which cause they were commonly called Materiarii, or the Materiarian heretics ; they pretending by this means to give an account (as the Stoics had done before them) of the original of evils, and to free God from the imputation of them. Their ratiocination to which purpose, is thus set down by Tertullian : *Mv*^ H^ " God made all things, either out of him- mo$_{g}$. P, *u%.* .self, or out of nothing, or out of matter. eg* He could not make all things out of himself, because himself being always unmade, he should then really have been the maker of nothing: and he did not make all out of nothing, because being